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TAGS : PFOR, IR/XF

SUBJECT : IRANIAN ANGER AT PROPOSED ARABIAN GULF NEWS AGENCY

REF: ABU DHABI 33 (NOT SENT TEHRAN)

1. JANUARY 7 BROADCAST RADIO TEHERAN CARRIED LENGTHY REPORT OF IRANIAN FORNMIN KHALATBARI'S STATEMENT REACTING TO GULF STATES' PLANS TO FORM QUOTE ARABIAN GULF NEWS AGENCY UNQUOTE TO BE LOCATED IN BAHREIN.

2. ALTHOUGH ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS RELEASE FROM UAE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AVOIDED ANY DISCUSSION OF NATIONALITY THIS BODY OF WATER, REFERRING TO IT AS QUOTE THE GULF UNQUOTE (SEE REFTEL), IRANIAN EMBASSY SOURCES CLAIMED THAT QUOTE THIS FALSE AND DECEITFUL ADJECTIVE UNQUOTE WAS USED IN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS AND IN THE COURSE OF CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO RADIO TEHRAN REPORT, CONFIRMED BY IRANIAN EMBASSY HERE, IRANIAN AMBASSADORS IN PAR-

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TICIPATING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASK IF

MINISTERS OF INFORMATION USED THIS OBJECTIONABLE TERM ON OWN INITIATIVE OR IF THEY WERE INSTRUCTED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO DO SO. AMBASSADORS ARE THEN TO REPORT ANSWERS TO TEHRAN IN PERSON.

4. ACCORDING TO RADIO BROADCAST, GOI VERY DISAPPOINTED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT COMING SO SOON AFTER VISITS UAE AND QATAR RULERS TO IRAN AND AFTER VISIT IRANIAN PM HOVEIDA TO BAHREIN. BROADCAST ADDED THAT IF MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 20 IN BAHREIN RATIFIES PROPOSALS FOR SUCH-NAMED NEWS AGENCY, IRAN WILL THEN HAVE TO RE-CONSIDER THE STATE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THESE PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES.  
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